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Bahamas wants U.S. to stop gun smuggling

Faced with a rise in violent crime, politicians in the Bahamas are calling on the U.S. to do more to stop the smuggling of weapons out of the U.S. into the resort nation where the primary industry is tourism. The call comes after the Bahamas has stepped up its efforts to slow the flow of illegal drugs into the U.S. Independent Senator, Fred Mitchell said that in return for his country's anti-drug efforts, "the United States has a compensating interest in preventing the smuggling of weapons to this country."

NASSAU, BAHAMAS

Labor Department settles suit with black workers

Although it is supposed to be a watchdog agency combating discrimination in the workplace, the U.S. Labor Department last week in effect admitted that it had been discriminating against its own black workers by agreeing to settle a \$4.9 million discrimination suit filed against it. The agreement, the largest against a federal agency, covers nearly 400 employees who worked for the department from late 1983 through last month. However, the great bulk of complaints against the agency occurred during the Reagan and Bush administrations.—WASHINGTON, DC

Record number of blacks living in poverty

According to a Census Bureau report released last Thursday, the number of Americans living in poverty went up last year for the fourth year in a row, and the group with the highest poverty rate is African Americans. As of last year, a record 33.1 percent of African blacks were officially classified as poor. Even Hispanic Americans are less likely to live in poverty than blacks. The government classifies a family of four as poor if it earns less than \$14,763 a year. Overall, 39 million Americans fall below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the group with the most rapidly increasing incomes is Asian Americans. The median household income for Asians is \$38,347 which is greater than the median household income for whites which stands at \$32,960. Hispanics had a median household income of \$22,886 while blacks placed last with a median household

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Aristide honors Gray

PHILADELPHIA—Haitian President, The Reverend Jean Bertrand Aristide, addressed an enthusiastic crowd of supporters and well wishers at Bright Hope Baptist Church at the invitation of senior Pastor Rev. William H. Gray III, special advisor to President Clinton on Haiti and former Congressman. In a rare public speaking appearance, Mr. Aristide commended Mr. Gray for the pivotal role he played in the

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President Aristide greets Rev. William Gray.

Back clergy supports Lautenberg Blasts Republican relationship with hate radio

by George Wilson & Paul Joseph

A group of African American Clergymen representing some 800 churches in New Jersey has publicly pledged their support for U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg and promised to deliver the needed votes for the incumbent.

Lautenberg was formally endorsed by the ministers in the sanctuary of the Mt. Zion AME Church in New Brunswick after a private meeting with the group.

The ministers said they are backing the Democrat because of his stand on public housing and urban development and his record for fighting crime.

"To vote for him is to vote for the common man on the street, the people in need," Rev. Ronald Owens of the New Hope Baptist Church in Metuchen said.

Owens praised Lautenberg as an "equal opportunity senator" who "has included us in the process" and he "does not put down one group for another."

The pastors said they plan to ask their congregations to vote for Lautenberg instead of Republican opponent, Assembly Speaker Garabed "Chuck" Haytian. They also warned there will be great consequences to the African-American community if Lautenberg loses

the November election.

"Some are trying to turn the clock back on the progress that minorities have made in the country," the Rev. Minny Hildebrand, pastor of the host church for the past 30 years, warned.

In referring to Lautenberg, he added, "we are here to assist those who have been very visible and vocal in the cause of advocating the progress of the African American."

The Rev. Philip Cousin, bishop of the First Episcopal District of the AME Church, said Lautenberg's record "speaks for itself." He warned that if Republicans gain control of Congress they would "stand in the way of progressive legislation."

"We've suffered enough through 12 years of Reaganomics and Bushonomics," Cousin said. "That's enough. To slip back to that kind of time, can you imagine what it would be like?"

The Rev. Reginald Jackson of St. Matthews AME Church in Orange pledged his unconditional support for the incumbent but stressed a "fear of no opponent." He specifically noted Haytian's tie to controversial WABC talk show host Bob Grant who advocates African Americans are inferior and the practice of "eugenics" to control the quality

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Black newspapers announce support of NAACP

WASHINGTON—Citing a pattern of recent negative coverage of the NAACP by the so-called "majority press," the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), which represents the interests of the nation's 205 largest African-American newspapers, recently announced the establishment of a renewed relationship between black newspapers and the civil rights organization.

As part of that new relationship, NNPA will contribute over the next three months at least \$300,000 of free advertising space in black newspapers across the country to promote a new nationwide NAACP membership drive. The black newspapers will also publish a series of editorials and feature stories, designed to create support for the NAACP.

In addition to generating new members and revenues for the NAACP, the program is designed to raise the awareness of the civil rights organization's mission and goals among the 10 million weekly readers of the nation's black newspapers.

The unprecedented NNPA program officially begins during the week of October 17, when NNPA member publications will carry an editorial written by NNPA President Robert W. Bogle, in which he will describe the black community's continuing need for an effective national civil rights organization.

In making the announcement at the National Press Club, NNPA officials were joined by NAACP Chairman William Gibson and other NAACP board members and leaders.

In his editorial, Bogle said that the NNPA's renewed interest in strengthening the relationship between the NAACP and the Black Press was spurred by the recent spate of negative coverage of the civil rights organization by the so-called "majority press."

"Despite the smear tactics being presented daily in the 'majority press,'" Bogle wrote, "the real record of successes attained by the 85-year-old NAACP has been generations of blacks better equality of rights and measurable results illustrated by the removal of barriers in employment, housing and legal areas in national and local actions."

"With the work of the NAACP still unfinished and the need for increased, and better

communications among black Americans ongoing, the members of the NNPA believe that the missions of our leading civil rights organization and of the nation's African-American newspapers are inextricably linked, and that both would be served through a closer working relationship."

Bogle stressed that the NNPA's commitment to support the NAACP's mission through commentary and advertising would in no way cause the nation's black press to abdicate its responsibility to report objectively regarding the ways in which the NAACP actually implements its strategic focus.

Commenting on the NNPA's initiative, Gibson said, "With all of the recent focus by the majority media on the NAACP's internal challenges, it is gratifying to see such an important African-American institution step forward to remind the nation that now, more than ever, there are valid reasons to continue to support the NAACP. It's always good to have a second opinion. Thank God for the black press."

The National Newspaper Publishers Association represents 205 black-owned newspapers across the country. A primary criterion for membership in the association is that the prospective member-publication be au-

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National Newspaper Publishers Association President, Robert Bogle, of the Philadelphia Tribune speaks at a press conference. Also present are NAACP founder Francis Draper and City Newsco-owner Jan M. Edgerton Johnson after the press Conference.

Citizens address educational concerns to BOE

by Sherry Burris

Concerned Plainfield citizens came out to address the Plainfield Board of Education in what was a three part series of public meetings at Plainfield High School called by acting Superintendent Dr. Ronald Frye.

The meetings, held on September 29, 30 and October 4, were designed to get citizens involvement in achieving the one-year goals established by the BOE in August.

"One of the important elements is that the community wants to cooperate with the school district in improving the schools. For its part, the board and the administration looked upon the community as the most significant resource we have on the path to educational excellence," said Dr. Frye.

The topics, curriculum and student achievement, professional development and personnel and community affairs, stirred up quite a controversy among the scattered audience of no more than ten citizens per night.

One of the main concerns was improving the curriculum to be able to achieve the state requirements for the California Achievement Tests (CAT) given to elementary students. The Early Warning Tests (EWT) given to

eighth grade students and the High School Proficiency Tests (HSPT) a requirement of eleventh graders upon graduating high school.

According to Dr. Frye, 75 percent of the students must pass the state examination. Neither of the two middle schools made the 75 percent goal and sixty high school students of the class of '95 did not pass the HSPT. Next year, the state's requirement will be raised to 85 percent, which many fear will increase the drop-out rate.

"Dropouts are due to urban kids not being educated," stated one audience member Rudy Clarke. "The perception is that Afro-Americans can not achieve in mathematics. We are the master of mathematics. Students should be taught algebra in the sixth grade."

Other issues brought to the surface were enhancing teaching techniques in the Plainfield school systems through inspiring teachers to return to school for additional training, offering incentives to teachers and better evaluating teachers.

"It's obvious we have some excellent teachers here in Plainfield but it's also obvious we have some teachers who have not been doing their jobs and have not been doing their jobs for some time," said Margaret Fears, president of the Parents Teachers Association

at Plainfield High School.

"We have teachers that have been here for twenty and thirty years and they keep talking about 'in my day...' or 'When I first came here...' We are not in their day anymore. We are living in today and today is gone, so we had better be looking into tomorrow. The staff has to be educated to deal with the child of today," continued Fears.

According to former board member Gill Gladden, Plainfield's school system would benefit from adopting a similar structure as the Philadelphia school systems in which teachers entering into the Philadelphia system are required to return back to school, within three years, for eighteen additional credits in their field of expertise. Teachers who do not return back to school can remain on salary, but will receive no salary increments.

The most controversial part of the meetings came when Edward Long, one of six members in the audience, noticed during the second meeting that including Dr. Frye there was only two of nine board members present; one of which was late and sitting in the audience and the other Cory Storch, president of BOE, who left mid-way through the meeting.

"If this is supposed to be a comprehensive

effort from the district, shouldn't board of education members be here to listen to the concerns of the citizens to avoid getting the information second hand," said Long. "I saw Cory Storch sitting there and then he had to leave. He's only getting one part of the equation."

Dr. Frye briefly responded to the absence of the board members saying that they were aware of the meeting and explained that some members could not make the meeting, but agreed that their presence was needed and stated that he'll provide them with a report.

One concerned parent, Regina Smith, who is considering entering her daughter into the Plainfield school system, expressed her disappointment.

"It's very disappointing not to see a board member up there. Where's the seriousness. I want to put my child in public school, but when I see the board members are not serious, when I see the board members in my mind," stated Smith, prior to the late arrival of the only two board members who attended the meeting.

Gladden best summed up the emotions and attitudes of the audience when he stated "If you never move your feet, you'll never stump your toe."

Community Calendar

ORANGE—The Central Essex Phone Alert has openings for volunteers to maintain telephone contact with home bound or isolated individuals over the age of 55. For more info call 201-675-0640.

NOW THRU NOVEMBER 5
PLAINFIELD—Literacy Volunteers of America will host a Basic Tutoring Training Workshop at the Plainfield Public Library every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info call 908-755-7998.

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 27
WESTFIELD—The Union County Rape Crisis Center will hold its annual fall training for volunteers, from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more info call 908-233-7273.

NOW THRU OCTOBER 31
NEW YORK—The Gallery at Lincoln Center will present an exhibition, "Great Tenors: Past and Present," a tribute to great men who have performed at the metropolitan Opera House during the last century. For more info call 212-580-4673.

OCTOBER 15 THRU NOVEMBER 19
JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer a review for the GRE on Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more info call 201-220-3069.

OCT. 22 & 23
JERSEY CITY—A knitting class for all experienced levels, beginning at the Jersey City Museum from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more info call 201-547-4380.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19
NEWARK—The next meeting of the government Center Development Center Corporation will be held at Broad National Bank, 205 Broad St. at 8:15 a.m. For more info call 201-242-6237 ext. 233.

HACKENSACK—There will be a Training and Employment Seminar held at Bergen County Technical Schools at

2:30 p.m. For more info call the Career and Life Counseling Center at 201-343-6000, ext. 2293 or 2299.

NEW YORK—Frances Tavern Museum will hold a public program entitled The rise of African-American Religion in New York City, 1775-1860. For more info call 212-425-1778.

OCTOBER 20 THRU NOVEMBER 17
NEWARK—The Newark Museum's Art Workshop will host a series of five, one hour lunchtime talks by noted fiber artists, writers and curators Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. For more info call 201-596-6607.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21
GREENBROOK—Greenbrook Manor will hold its annual Scarecrow Contest. Original, handmade scarecrows up to 6 feet tall are eligible. Over \$500 in prizes will be awarded to this year's winners. Deadline is 10/21. For more info call 908-887-1900, ext. 2060.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22
NEW BRUNSWICK—The George Street Playhouse will host a "Free Family Arts Day," a state-wide celebration of cultural events including free performances for young audiences, free acting class workshops. For more info call 908-846-2895.

JERSEY CITY—College and high school students and staff are invited a mathematics software conference, "Graphing Calculators and Mathematics Software" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info call 201-200-2190.

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City Museum is sponsoring a pre-Halloween tour of a castle and pumpkin festival in Bucks County Pennsylvania. The bus will leave the museum at 9 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. For more info call 201-547-4379.

OCTOBER 22-24
PATERSON—There will be a conference and festival of commentary, "Unsettling America: Race and Ethnicity in Contemporary America" at Passaic County Community College. For more info call 201-



Marie Claude of Irvington, a Jersey City State College senior was recently sworn into office as a member of the College's Board of Trustees. Claude has a major in business administration a concentration in marketing. Dr. Carlos Hernandez, (l) president of the college presides over the induction assisted by Superior Court Judge Elaine Davis (second from r) looking on is Board of Trustee chairman John Moore.



Senator Frank Lautenberg is greeted by former Highway Authority Commissioner Julian Robinson at the September 17 seventh annual African-American festival at the Garden State Arts Center. Lautenberg gave greetings during the afternoon's formal program and later presented Robinson with an award on behalf of the festival's executive committee. Robinson serves as the festival's board chairman.

Coping

by Dr. Charles Faulkner

Thanks for your responses

To my outstanding readers: I have received hundreds of your excellent letters in response to several of my recent columns. Some of you agreed with my ideas, some of you were happy. Some unhappy and some angry. But we are good friends and I loved everyone of your fine letters. Please keep writing. Here are excerpts from some of your letters, as well as my responses.

My ideal woman

1) I read your column, "My Ideal Woman", and I have a question: I am exactly like the woman you talked about. I am gentle, kind, affectionate and very, very feminine, but my boyfriend does not appreciate me. What can I do to get him to appreciate the kind of woman that I am?

Ms. O., Phoenix

Dear Ms. O.: If your boyfriend were to ask you to suddenly change your personality and be rude, hard-nosed and hard-headed, could you do it? Probably not. Your boyfriend probably can't change either. Few people are fortunate enough to find a mate who appreciates them for what they are and one who they appreciate in the same way. Most people have to sacrifice, compromise, adjust, modify and be satisfied with only partial happiness. You would be wise to try to find a partner whose personality is already compatible with yours.

2) You said that your ideal woman should be considerate of your feelings. This sounds like a child. Also, you didn't say anything about how you would treat Your ideal woman.

Ms. B., Chicago

Dear Ms. B.: Every individual should be considerate of the feelings of every other person, whether husband, wife, child or grocery clerk. Also, in my article, I said that relationships are a two-way situation. Each partner should exchange the goodness in a relationship. If you expect kindness from your mate, be prepared to give it.

I'm going to abandon my son

4) Ms. W. can call me and I will give her advice about disciplining her son. I am a police officer and counselor. Her son needs a male role-model and he needs to spend a night in jail, just to see what it's like.

Mr. J., Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. J.: Thank for your fine offer of assistance, I will forward it to Ms. W. You probably know that the "Scared Straight" Program—which gave kids a frightening one-day visit to a prison—did not have a lasting effect on them and some of them committed crimes shortly after their experience. We must continue to seek a solution.

Cooper honored for bravery



Wiley Cooper
Security Officer Wiley Cooper of Newark was presented with the Hillside Police Department's 1994 Civilian Achievement Award. Wiley was presented the award for apprehending a car thief who had eluded the police. "When I saw the man jump out of the vehicle, my first impulse was to catch him and help the police officers. I was only doing my job. I am usually more cautious, but something was wrong, I was right there, and I felt it was my job to assist the police."

Edison NAACP honors members

EDISON—The following people have been named NAACP, Metuchen-Edison Branch, honorees at the NAACP Freedom Fund Awards Banquet which will be held Friday, October 21 at the Victorian Manor in Edison:
The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Religious Award
Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Saunders

The W.E.B. DuBois Education Award
Mr. James R. Fisher

The Paul Robeson Cultural Awareness Award
M.W. Grand Master Reginald L. Warren, 33rd degree, of New Jersey

The Rosa Parks Service Award
Mrs. Theresa M. Green

The Merv Alexander Political Award
Rev. Ronald L. Owens

The Ida B. Wells Community Activist Award
Mr. Peter Cerrato
Dr. & Mrs. George Fishman
Mrs. Helen Jackson (mother of Rev. Jessie Jackson)
Dr. Peter Li
Mr. Prabhu L. Patel
Mr. Martin Perez, Esq.

The Jessie Owens Sports Award
Mr. Marvis Frazier (son of "Smokin' Joe Frazier")

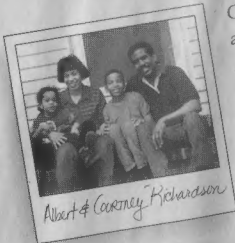
The Honorable Justice Thurgood Marshall Legal Award
Mr. Gregory Edwards

The Presidential Award
Mr. Theodore R. Carrington
Ms. Linda Ann Sullivan

The Emmet Till Scholarship Awards
Jamal Clinique Harris
Charles R. Henry
Tamika E. Price

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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY LENDER

National News

by Robert N. Taylor

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income of \$19,532. In a broader social context, the income figures also revealed the continuation of a 15-year trend in which the top five percent of families are capturing more and more of the nation's wealth while families at the bottom are getting poorer and poorer. Labor Secretary Robert Reich labeled the trend "the most unequal distribution of income of any industrialized nation." —WASHINGTON, DC

Wealth building conference set for blacks

A day-long seminar and workshop has been set for Saturday, December 3 in Washington, D.C. to show African-Americans how to build personal and family wealth. The event is being sponsored by the black financial self-help group known as the Better Life Club. According to conference coordinator James Nathan, "We will detail how to build greater financial security in areas ranging from real estate purchases with little or no money down to starting profitable home-based businesses." The seminar will also explore how to make money in the 900-number industry, how to form wealth building clubs and how to make money sponsoring events. Interested persons can call the Better Life Club at 1-800-748-1821 for registration information and greater details. (Those in the Washington, D.C. call 202-686-4775). —WASHINGTON, DC

NAACP now accuses its chairman of misuse of Funds

Just seven weeks ago the debt-ridden NAACP fired Executive Director Benjamin Chavis for the alleged misuse of the organization's funds. Now it is accusing board chairman William F. Gibson of the same thing. The allegations against Gibson were made public by syndicated columnist Carl Rowan. In that column, Rowan called on Gibson to resign. Rowan had also called upon Chavis to resign. But reached in Greenville, South Carolina, Gibson labeled the Rowan report "a lie." He added, "I know I have done no wrong in relation to utilizing the limited resources of this civil rights organization. Specifically, Rowan accused Gibson of 'double dipping' (getting paid or reimbursed for the same thing twice) thousands of dollars in expense reimbursements. However, the new interim director of the organization Earl T. Shinhoshtersaid he had "never heard any allegation of any kind of impropriety, financial or otherwise, on the part of Dr. Gibson." —BALTIMORE, MD

Illinois Senator's comments called "racist"

Illinois politicians and civil rights leaders spent much of last week denouncing the recent comments of state Senate President James "Pete" Philip. The white, suburban lawmaker recently told a reporter that black state workers "do not have the work ethics that we have." He was commenting on an incident earlier this year when a black social worker failed to remove 19 children from squalid living conditions in a Chicago apartment. He said, "Of course, she was a minority and her boss was a minority." Some black Illinois Democrats are pushing for Philip to resign. And in response, including Republican Governor Jim Edgar, have denounced his comments. But Philip has refused to apologize for his remarks saying, "I'm not politically correct. I don't try to be." —CHICAGO, ILL.

Nation of Islam holds meeting in Ghana

Calling it "the cradle of Pan-Africanism," the Nation of Islam has just concluded a meeting in the west African nation of Ghana. Organizers said over 1,000 people attended. Ghana's President Jerry Rawlings praised Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan as "one of the greatest and most impressive people I have come across." However, observers said relatively few Ghanaians participated in the conference. It was dominated by religious leaders from the U.S. —ACCRA, GHANA

Jean-Bertrand Aristide: the man for the people

WASHINGTON, DC—Aristide's face is not a face to forget: hollow-cheeked, goggle-eyed, wide-mouthed. The foreign journalists call him diminutive, bespectacled. It is hard to believe that this small person, who can bring up virtually no room at all, can bring thousands of people to their feet and lead Port-au-Prince's slums with a wave of his hand.

As one of the few prominent people in Port-au-Prince who had stuck their necks out in Jean-Claude's waning days, publicly expressing the growing discontent and disgust with Duvalierism, Aristide helped to create in the capital the same climate of unrest and protest that already existed in the countryside, and that made the dictator's departure necessary. By the end of Jean-Claude's days, Aristide was the most visible of the many young progressive priests and nuns who had been organizing peasants and slum-dwellers since the late 1970s.

Aristide preached a brand of liberation theology that pleased no one except his extended congregation: the poor in the slums, the peasants who heard him on Radio Haiti-Inter and Radio Soleil, a scattering of young jobless lower middle class youths with no future in the country, a few liberals among the Haitian bourgeoisie, and the exile community (Haiti's 10th Department—i.e. province).

He had all the right enemies. The Army hated him, because he mentioned colonels and sergeants and lieutenants by name in his sermons,

and excoriated them for the abuses they committed against the people in their regions. The American Embassy hated him because he held the United States and its economic system responsible for much of Haiti's economic woe, and thus for the misery of her people, his congregation.

The Church hierarchy feared him because he did not often miss a chance to include them in his list of enemies of the people, and they were jealous of him, too, for the loyal following he had attracted, and for the attention he received from foreign journalists. The very wealthy few in Haiti despised him also, because he accused them of betraying their countrymen and stated baldly that the system by which they enriched themselves was corrupt and criminal, and an offense against their fellow Haitians.

He frightened them all with the violent honesty of his sermons. And the worst part was that he had a reputation for being Haiti's foremost biblical scholar, and was always ready with a quote from the Bible to support his message. His targets did not like to hear Christ quoted against them.

Aristide's message was doubly frightening, because, try as they might, his enemies could not properly accuse him of preaching communism. He gave sermons in which he lauded the sanctity of private property. "The peasant's land," he said, "the land that he and his family have worked for generations, that is his private property, no one else has the right to

take it. The shopkeeper's little store, that he bought fair and square with his little savings, and from which he makes a decent income, that is his private property. But the class of landowners and the bourgeoisie who live off the corrupt system we have in Haiti, who do nothing, who give nothing back to the country, who steal what little wealth we have and put it into banks in foreign countries, their private property is the property of the peasants. Their private property is Haitian property, it does not belong to them."

Like other liberation theologians in Latin America, who use Jesus' teachings to raise the political consciousness of the poor, Aristide tried to make connections between the struggle of the Haitian people for freedom and what liberation theologians see as the struggle of Jesus for the liberation of Jerusalem.

"What weds the movement within the church to the movement within Haitian society as a whole," he said, "is liberation theology, which has filtered into the youth of our country, which invigorates them, which purifies their blood, which teaches these youths that either you are a Christian or you are not. And if you are a Christian, you cannot allow what you are seeing to happen without saying something, because if you say nothing, you will be sinning by your silence. You will be sinning by your complicity. So in order to avoid that sin, which is a mortal sin, we refuse to accept what is happen-

ing. We cast off corruption."

If you're a Christian, you cannot accept to continue the Macoute corruption in this country. Well, then, you are obliged to take historic risks. You are obliged to participate in this historic movement of liberation theology. In other words, the resurrection of an entire people is occurring right now. It is liberation theology

that is lifting our children up against a corrupt generation, against a mentality of the Church and the society which sees corruption as the comfortable norm, and which one cannot stomach if one is truly a Christian. It is the history of the Jews and Jesus Christ that we ourselves as Christians are living through now. We have become the subjects of our own history."

South Africa pursues agreement with Peace Corps

WASHINGTON, DC—President Clinton and South African President Nelson Mandela recently announced plans to develop a Peace Corps program in the Republic of South Africa.

Both parties look forward to signing a formal country agreement in the near future, and will work together to develop relevant and effective Peace Corps programs and volunteer assignments.

"This is a harbinger of good things to come. We will now work jointly with the South African Government to determine their needs and how we can best help," said Peace Corps Director Carol Bellamy.

Peace Corps volunteers could arrive in South Africa as early as January 1995 and will likely work in areas such as education, water sanitation, rural health care, and youth development.

The Peace Corps has entered or re-entered 33 countries in the past five years, including the former Soviet Union and China. "This is a very exciting development. President Mandela and the new democracy in South Africa have been an inspiration to the whole world. We expect public interest to be extremely high," said Bellamy.

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restoration of democracy in Haiti.

The thrust of Aristide's sermon referred to the peaceful restoration and celebration of a new beginning in Haiti, a new hope for God's respect, democracy, justice, and liberty for the

Haitian people. He extended an invitation to all Americans to come to Haiti, and in an unexpected surprise for Gray, he said, "Rev. Gray, you deserve the Medal of Honor, which we will give to you in Haiti."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Tips on choosing a candidate

With the election right around the corner, candidates are turning up the heat on two voters, among them African-American voters. Some talk about their relationships with specific black folk so you will think well of them. Some will promise the same old federal assistance programs they believe black people want to hear. Others will just show up and say vote for me because you're black and you've voted for me every election.

When you have a chance, think about, then ask your favorite politician to respond to the following:

- What are you doing to bring jobs to my community?
- What are you doing to help my community build a strong educational system for my children?
- What type of health care reform do you support and does it include everyone and in what time frame do you propose this to occur?
- What are you doing to bring businesses into my community?
- What are you doing to assist businesses owned by minorities in my community?
- What are you doing to bring recreation for our youth?
- What have you done to bring housing to my community?
- What do you envision for urban communities over the next ten years?
- What are you doing to reverse the skyrocketing taxes and less services?
- Whom in my community have you identified as leaders and those who you will work with to bring about improved conditions in my community?

These are just a few questions that should be addressed when you are deciding whom to vote for. You might want to start by noting if the candidate has only recently shown interest in your community and what platform he or she is willing to openly advocate.

Each vote is important, don't waste yours. Gather your information and vote for those who will do what they are supposed to do—represent the best needs and interest of your community.

by Connie Woodruff

East Orange Mayor Curdell Cooper and his wife Sandy, are all smiles these days because the Coopers are infatigable. The new arrival is expected late March or early April 1995.

The Coopers have two daughters, Tiffany and Dana and when the mayor or asked his youngest why she is so happily impatient over the prospect of a new brother or sister, the precocious Dana responded, "I'm so tired of being bossed around by Tiffany I'll be glad to have somebody younger than me that I can boss around."

So now you know why Sandy Cooper may or may not be as visible in this campaign as she has been as a spokeswoman for her husband when he was beating the bushes for votes for Freholder and Mayor.

Now that Newark Democrats

As I see it

Assemblyman Willie Brown has crossed over and endorsed Republican Chuck Haytaian for the U.S. Senate, I wonder if he remembers how outraged he was with me the year I endorsed Republican Tom Kean for governor.

Unlike Assemblyman Brown, I was not a major player in Democratic politics. I did not hold an elected office, courtesy of the Democratic Party. Neither was I sucking on the political plum of a high paying job, again courtesy of the Democratic Party.

Haytaian has also been endorsed by other Essex County Dems including (Livingston) Assemblyman Jimmy Zangari and Newark councilmen Henry Martinez and Anthony Carrino.

Zangari and Brown must rely on the Essex County Democratic Committee to run for re-election on the party line which could be denied to them in the face of a Haytaian endorsement.

dorsement.

Maybe Brown, who has a reputation among his constituents for being bombastic, brash and arrogant on occasion, doesn't care about remaining in the state legislature. He has 21 years under his belt and is thus eligible for a state pension.

In those 21 years, and certainly since Chuck Haytaian has been Assembly Speaker, one suspects that from time to time there's been a lot of quid pro quo between the two men and I'm sure Willie Brown wants all of us to believe him when he says,

"This has nothing to do with the party. I'm still Democratic and will remain a Democrat and committed to my Democratic principles."

Bertha (Bert) Gibson, one of Newark's political stalwarts passed away several weeks ago.

She was active with the White Manor Tenant Assn. and Central Ward Democratic committee where

they sponsored rallies for various candidates and made their complex a "must" for candidates running for president and local offices.

Gibson, a native of Augusta, Georgia, lived most of her life in Newark. In 1950, she became a member of New Hope Baptist church and later converted to Catholicism as a communicant at Our Lady Queen of Angels from where she was buried.

She is survived by her husband, "Danny" Gibson, Sr., a well known musician in Newark whose drums have been the beat behind many big name bands around the world; three daughters, Roberta Chambers, Delma Allen, a long time West Ward councilwoman and Denise Chamberlain; two sons, Daniel W. Jr., consultant-aide to East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper and former Newark West Ward Democratic chairman and Charles Gibson; a brother, Charles Cann, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

President Mandela thanks black Americans

by William Reed

"To Black Americans I say thank you for your tremendous help toward the triumph we've experienced in South Africa. Without your lead and help I don't know how we would have made it. Even when I was in prison, I knew what you were doing here and I'm here to say that the efforts of black Americans were very important in helping us to the position we are today. That's why as a symbolic gesture, the first time that I did, on that my fourth visit to the United States, since 1990, was to go to the Canaan Baptist Church in Harlem," said Nelson Mandela at a breakfast meeting at the Blair House on the last day of his triumphant visit to America.

Speaking to a group of 15 senior editorial representatives from America's leading print media outlets, South Africa's first black president told the Black Press of America's representative that he wanted to get a direct message of "Thanks" to all African Americans who were outspoken and committed to his progression from prisoner to president. "I feel a special identity with you," Looking tired and

of the time during the hour-and-a-half meeting, the 76-year-old leader's body moved mightily and his eyes gained a sparkle and gleam when he talked about the good old days of the "struggle."

But, Mandela's a struggle today is not for political power but for economics. "I ask Black Americans to join me again. But, this time we are seeking to eliminate poverty, hunger, unemployment and lack of education," Mandela told the Black Press.

Many experts feel that Mandela's government, and its goals, offer tremendous opportunities for African-American entrepreneurs. Mandela said that he wants foreign investors to build houses, schools and medical facilities. His ambassador to the U.S., Harry Schwartz, reported to the group that South Africa's embassy receives a dozen calls per day from people inquiring about investment opportunities.

President Mandela reported that while he was in New York he had met with David Rockefeller and the Trade Council to discuss multinational firms' investments. He and

Ambassador Schwartz, also pointed out that what they want most are major investors who will partner with black businesses in South Africa to form companies there. A high-profile group of African-American entrepreneurs are expected to benefit heavily from these funds. The same is true of a \$100 million venture capital fund announced by the Agency for International Development (AID).

Black US Commerce Secretary Ron Brown is telling blacks, "The trade and investment opportunities emerging in the new South Africa represent enormous potential for African-American entrepreneurs." In the few months since he became the country's first democratically elected head, Mandela reports that he has moved toward a free-market policy that will cut government spending, taxes, debt and bloated. He points out that investments in South Africa also help that region of Africa.

"Black Americans have knowledge and skills we would like for you to share with South Africa," Mandela said to the Black Press representative. "We invite you to come and visit and if you like what you see, let your money stay for a while."

Technology's task in schools

by Charles E. Belle

"A computer in every classroom" is the start of the solution for the problems in our schools if someone wishes to believe Tom Kalinske, President & CEO, Sega of America. A man who has spent the better part of his adult working life creating the "Barbie Doll" image and interactive video games of late. Like fairy tales, fantasy is this man's stock in trade.

The "Positive Impact of Technology on Kids," speech to the Commonwealth of California at its regular Friday luncheon meeting gave him an opportunity to defend game and young adult video game junkies. You possibly have heard of the video games bestsellers like "Mortal Kombat" and "Sonic The Hedgehog" but have you ever heard of "Where In The World's Carmen Sandiego?" a computer game that teaches basic geography?

Sega's leader says, "Carmen, and the fact that kids, especially boys, buy these low price video game toys compared to higher cost computers, means they are being converted into the 21st Century. The next step, let him tell it, is to use this video game to transfer kids into computer whizzes. Well at least everyone wants their kids to understand computers and hence the computer highway."

"The problem," says a school spokesman, Paul P. Houston, Ed. executive director, American Association of School Administrators, "is how many computers are presented in a classroom. In fact, Dr. Houston recommends four computers for every child. Recognizing how they are taught by the teachers, however makes the biggest difference," says the good doctor.

In the suburban schools, such as in the upper income school district, Princeton, New Jersey where he was a previous Superintendent, students learned they were the master and the machine was the slave. In too many inner city schools, he suggests the schools are giving the students the impression that the machine is the

master, and therefore dulling the intellectual challenge of kids to be creative in their thinking.

"Schools are better than they have ever been, but they are teaching the wrong skills for success in the 1990's, much less for the next century," says Dr. Houston.

The fun and freedom from parental authority which kids find with video games, as Sega's CEO suggests, can be used as a catalyst for a school system change.

"Kids are driving a \$6 billion video game industry with their parents kicking and screaming. After all," points out Kalinske, "a \$99 genesis is a lot more affordable than a computer."

Controlling his own five kids from too much video game playing is a problem even for him as well as for millions of other parents.

"Kids want to spend too much time on video games. Too much of anything is not a great idea," admits Sega's Chief. "As parents it's up to us to teach and assure that our children don't spend too much time on video games," said Tom.

Kalinske thinks, computers can give kids more self-esteem, since the response is by the kid's name and reflects their accomplishments on screen for themselves and others to view. What Kalinske and other video game makers contend is that children know the difference between real life and fantasy as found in a video game.

Nevertheless, the video industry supported by Sega has settled on a new video game rating system to alert unknowledgeable parents about violent video games.

The argument: kids know the difference from killing in a video game fantasy world versus the need to know how to use video games; and therefore, computers in the school system by teachers is a task that parents and the rest of America must work out. Otherwise, America's kids may indeed begin to play out their fantasy in society or are too game numb to compete in the real global marketplace.

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Youth program at Jersey City State awarded AmeriCorp grant

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College (JCSC) Youth Corps Program has been awarded a \$246,594 AmeriCorp grant to establish 20 AmeriCorp teams that will address national contract priorities in education and human needs services.

The JCSC AmeriCorp members are part of a national group of 12,000 who were sworn into service by President Bill Clinton on September 12.

Members of AmeriCorp, the new domestic Peace Corps, will work full-time serving their communities for one year. In exchange, each AmeriCorp member will receive a living stipend of \$7,662 and health benefits. Upon the completion of service, each corp member will be awarded \$4,725 toward college, training, or the repayment of a college loan.

JCSC's AmeriCorp grant is renewable for up to three years. The first grant period will run through August 31, 1995. During this, its first year, the project will include 20 AmeriCorp and three staff members.

Bruce Beaman and Gary Patnoth, co-directors of JCSC's Youth Corps Program who submitted the grant proposal, are serving as coordinators of the AmeriCorp project.

The JCSC AmeriCorp teams will work closely with service members of the JCSC Youth Corps Program. The full-time AmeriCorp workers will strengthen the part-time work of the Youth Corps members.

Members of the JCSC AmeriCorp team that is addressing national priorities in early childhood development and educational achievement of school age children will meet these demands by working as presenters, researchers, actors, and writers at the Youth Corps children's museum, The Jersey Explorer.

Those involved in the human needs component of the project will focus on home- and community-based health care by working on ambulances as first responders, drivers, and emergency medical technicians.

JCSC's AmeriCorp members will expand both the educational and human needs services components of the project by helping to launch a special health education project. Modeled after a program in Seattle, the health education project is designed to save lives by greatly increasing the number of people, including children, who are trained to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Youth Focus program to be sponsored by the Plainfield Task Force on Youth

PLAINFIELD—In an effort to contribute to the lives of youth in the city of Plainfield, Mayor Mark Fury recently announced the inception of a "Youth Focus" program. The program is to provide a one-day resource site for the young adults of Plainfield in the areas of job training, educational opportunities and community supports.

Youth Focus will be sponsored by the mayor's Task Force on Youth and will be held at the Liberty Village Community Building on Liberty Street from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 22.

"The investment in our city's youth plays a major toll in the successful future of Plainfield, and the return on such an investment is immeasurable," said Mayor Fury.

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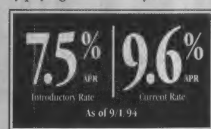
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Religious Calendar

OCT. 15 THRU NOV. 27

NEW YORK—Climbing Jacob's ladder: The Rise of Black Churches in Eastern American Cities, 1740-1877 will open at Frances Tevern Museum. For more info call 212-425-1776.

OCTOBER 19, 20, 21 AND 23

ELIZABETH—Shiloh Baptist Church celebrates the 11th anniversary of its pastor, Rev. Dr. David Jefferson, Sr., Esq. on the 19-21 at 7 p.m., 11 a.m. service on the 23rd and a banquet from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Jetport, Rt. 1 & 8 South. For further info call Mary Ray at 908-354-8573.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 20

NEWARK—The first meeting of the Malcolm X Commemorative Coalition will be held 7:30 p.m. in Centennial Hall, 2nd floor of the Newark Public Library. For more info call 201-509-1051.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

MADISON—Drew University will host a 1994 Drew Interfaith Community Forum on "Violence and Religion: Reflections of the sources of both violence and peace within our religious traditions and communities" at 7 p.m. For more info call 201-408-3270.

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City News

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Free flu shots offered for senior citizens

IRVINGTON—The Irvington Health Department is offering free flu shots to all senior citizen residents of Irvington. Persons 65 years-old or older are at an increased risk for influenza and influenza-related complications.

Vaccines will be administered on Monday, October 24, Tuesday, October 26 and Friday October 28 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Senior Citizen-Community Center on Springfield Avenue.

Youth center rebuilds community with pride



(l-r) Rev. Burton C. Cathla, Brenda L. Gilbert, Mr. Rick Taylor, Rev. Laura Lattimore Ball, pastor of Rose of Sharon Community Church, and Actor John Amos.

PLAINFIELD—"Stay Put!" "Increase The Peace" and "Building Pride Back" were the rallying cries recently echoed at the Second Street Youth Center's (SSYC) special campaign to launch its multi-million dollar capital improvement drive to build a new Family Life Center in the city's West End.

The campaign's major focus is to restore the families in the program and in the neighborhood. According to Richard Taylor center CEO "the center is anxious to build a new family center of hope, healing and love." Entertainment was provided by Actor John Amos who gave a 45-minute performance of Halley's Comet, the story of an 87-year-old man who witnessed the passing of a comet; local recording artist, Twanda

Porterfield and Classical Opera singer Phyllis Black Green, who is also the Head Start Educational Coordinator in Plainfield.

The SSYC "Caring Lover Of Children" Award was given to Ms. Jacqueline Shervington, former federal Health and Human Services specialist, for her outstanding service to the Plainfield Head Start Program and its 272 children, ages 3 to 5 years old. Brenda L. Gilbert was presented with an achievement plaque for her devotion and volunteerism to Head Start and Day Care, which serves over 130 preschool children.

The day's events ended with Actor John Amos receiving the Key to the City from Mayor Mark Furry.

East Orange receives grant to upgrade Ampere neighborhood

EAST ORANGE—The Ampere section of East Orange has been designated to receive close to \$500,000 in funds to upgrade homes, reduce litter, address crime and stimulate business. Over the next five years, the Ampere Neighborhood Preservation Program (ANPP) will provide grants, loans and technical assistance to income eligible property owners and businesses in a targeted area bounded by Sprigdale Avenue, North 19th Street, North Grove Street and Park Avenue. This community development initiative is a joint effort of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the East Orange Division of Neighborhood Housing.

Mayor Candell Cooper stated, "...The ANPP is part of our ongoing efforts to rebuild our city neighborhood by neighborhood, block by block.

Key to the success of this program is the total involvement of the community and the formation of partnerships with lending institutions."

Chemical Bank and the Bank of New York have worked with Neighborhood Preservation Programs throughout the state of New Jersey and will offer their services to the ANPP including creative loan packages to homeowners ineligible to receive grants, sponsorship of community special events, workshops and loan counseling sessions.

The funds from the Department of Community Affairs will be used to provide housing rehabilitation grants to income eligible single and multi-unit homeowners. The grants can be used for exterior repairs and painting, interior, electrical and sidewalk repairs.

Toll-free consumer info line highlights NHLBI cholesterol campaign

WASHINGTON, DC—The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) has kicked off a new nationwide campaign to help Americans keep their blood cholesterol levels—and their hearts—healthy.

The theme of the campaign is: There's no wrong way to eat, as long as you eat right—which means following a low-saturated fat, low-cholesterol eating pattern. Such healthy

eating lowers the risk of heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States.

The centerpiece of the campaign is a toll-free information line—1-800-575-WELL. The line gives two recorded messages on blood cholesterol—one about the prevention of high blood cholesterol and the other about its treatment. Callers can request free heart healthy recipes.

Project 2000 advisory board to conduct annual fund-raiser

NEWARK—The Community Advisory Board of Seton Hall University Project 2000 is presenting its second annual fund-raiser on Thursday, October 27. The event will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Ruben's Restaurant and Supper Club, in Newark.

PROJECT 2000 was created to expose inner-city youth to positive male role models who can influence their attitudes toward school and academic achievement. This is achieved through volunteer teacher assistants who work with classroom teachers and interact regularly with

at-risk youngsters.

The fund-raiser will include a special award presentation to Senator Wynona Lipman (D-NJ), by the members of the Project 2000 Advisory Board for her dedication and commitment to the program and its youth.

A food buffet and live entertainment by Jason "Mallet Man" Taylor, jazz xylophonist, will be provided. Tickets for the event are priced at \$30.00 per person and are tax-deductible. Proceeds for the event will be used to offset operational costs for the program.

JCSC receives grant to recruit special Ed. minority teachers

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College has been awarded a \$380,000 four-year grant by the United States Department of Education for a project designed to help alleviate the shortage of minority special education teachers in New Jersey.

The grant's first installment of \$95,146 will fund the first year of the project which began in August and will continue through June 1995. A total of 75 teacher candidates, whose first-year tuition will be underwritten by the grant, will be in-

volved in the project. During the first year, the project will recruit 15 teacher candidates. In subsequent years, the project will recruit 18, 20, and 22 teacher candidates.

The grant will fund the production of:

- A recruitment video depicting minority special educators and minority pre-service special education teacher candidates working in a classroom with disabled students
- The recruitment and mentoring

activities of five minority pre-service special education teacher candidates at high schools with substantial minority student populations

- The development of several field-based sites to improve special education training procedures
- The hiring of a full-time coordinator to monitor field site training activities
- The development of new coursework in special education which will focus on minority children with disabilities

Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19

PLAINFIELD—The Family Support Group of Union County will hold their monthly meeting at the Arc Administration Building, 1225 South Ave. from 10:30 a.m. to noon. For more info call 908-754-2770.

CRAWFORD—There will be a blood drive conducted by New Jersey Blood Services at Union County College from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7574.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 20

MAHWAH—Ramapo College will host its sixth annual Certified Alcohol Counseling/Certified Alcohol and Drugs Counselor Conference, which will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in the alumni lounge. For more info, contact Adele Thomas at 201-529-7522.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22

ELMHURST PARK—The Metro/Essex County Branch Group of the Lupus Foundation of New Jersey will hold its monthly meeting at United Hospitals at 11 a.m. For more info call 201-791-7868.

MONDAY OCTOBER 24

IRVINGTON—There will be an Influenza Immunization Program sponsored by the Irvington Department of Health & Welfare at 81 Union Ave., community room, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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OCT. 14 THRU DEC. 7

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OCTOBER 17-22

NEW YORK—Planiar Joanne Brackeen and Bass player Calvin Hill will appear at Zinno Bar and Restaurant. For more information call 212-924-5182.

OCT. 20 THRU FEB. 26

NEW YORK—Revelat Diverse Traditions 1920-1945, an exhibition in a decade long series of exhibitions, publications, research conferences, and public education programs at the American Craft Museum, 40 W. 53rd St. For more info, call 212-959-3535.

OCTOBER 20-21

BROOKLYN—The Majestic Theater presents "double take, a festival of films about African-American, Latin American & Native American filmmakers from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more info, call 718-381-3216.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

NEWARK—Unlabeled literary magazine will hold "A Celebration of the Arts" fund-raising dinner featuring artist from the NJ and NY area at the Paul Robeson Cultural Center at Rutgers University, 100 2nd St. For more info, call 908-352-7725.

SEPT. 17 THRU OCT. 28

PATERSON—"Heroes, Myths and Icons" an exhibition featuring over 100th century military prints at the Passaic County Historical Society's Lambert Castle Museum, 265 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more info, call 201-881-2781.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26-29

NEW YORK CITY—Marymount Manhattan Theater presents, "Myces and Inquities" an ensemble performance piece inspired by the split between myths in which justice and the hero triumph, 221 East 71st Street. Call Marymount Manhattan Theatre for ticket info.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26-NOV. 20

NEW YORK CITY—"Andrew After Dark," the newest production from the New Group, a critically acclaimed venue for bold, inspiring works. "Andrew After Dark" opens opens at The John Houseman Theater, 450 West 42nd Street. For ticket info, call 212-967-6818.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

WESTBURY—The Newport Jazz Festival is coming to Westbury Music Fair at 6 p.m. For more info, call 516-334-0800.

NOW THRU NOV. 21

HAMPTON—Norman Barash & Carroll Moore's comedy "Send Me No Flowers" will open at the Huntington Hills Playhouse Dinner Theater. For more info, call 1-800-888-7313.

NOW THRU JANUARY 29

NEW YORK—The Metropolitan Museum of Art will feature an exhibition, "Pharaohs Gifts: Stone Vessels from Egypt. Objects dating back to the stone age will be on display. For more info, call 212-570-3951.

NEW YORK—Paralamas will be performing at The Supper Club at 8 p.m. For more info, call 212-921-1940, ext. 6.

WAYNE—As part of the college's fall 1994 Jazz Room Series, pianist Lynne Arrale, brings her trio to William Paterson College at 4 p.m. For more info, call 201-995-2371.

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MONTCLAIR—12 Miles West Theatre Company presents Shakespearean scenes, skirts and skirts at 8 p.m. Upstairs at Tierney's Tavern. For more info, call 201-746-7181.

NEW YORK—Internationally acclaimed conductor, Sir Ozawa leads the Boston Symphony Orchestra into Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center, at 8 p.m. For more info, call 212-721-6500.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

CRANFORD—There will be a comedy show to benefit Partnership for PEOPLE, Inc., at 8 p.m. at the Union County College Theater. For more information call 908-467-9908.

WATCHUNG—Phil Bodner, Jeanne Carr, and Rio Clemente will be in concert as part of the Watchung Arts Center "Remembering Benny," a tribute to jazz legend Benny Goodman at 2 p.m. at the WAC. For more info, call 908-753-0190.

OCTOBER 26-27

WESTBURY—Legendary songstress Patti LaBelle will perform live at Westbury Music Fair at 8 p.m. For more info, call 516-333-7228.

PISCATAWAY—The Circle Players are holding auditions for the play "Two Rooms" at 7:30 p.m. at the Circle Playhouse. For more info, call 908-966-7555.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

WATCHUNG—Hattie Lamb will perform a "Classic Blues Review" with her backup trio at the Watchung Arts Center at 8 p.m. For more info, call 908-753-0190.

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ARTZ WEDNESDAY

M.A.N.T.I.S. snags 5 million viewers

LOS ANGELES—Several million viewers watched the two-hour comic book series M.A.N.T.I.S. which aired earlier this year on FOX-TV, when the ratings exceeded the producers' expectations, they developed the concept into a weekly primetime series. As a result, an astonishing five million people are watching M.A.N.T.I.S. consistently every Friday night.

In his role as biophysicist, Dr. Miles Hawkins and his alter ego M.A.N.T.I.S., accomplished actor Carl Lumbly, fights crime in the fictional West Coast city of Port Columbia. Filled with action, intrigue and adventure, the M.A.N.T.I.S. series brings us one of television's first African-American superheroes, each Friday at 8:00 p.m. (Check local listings for your FOX station.)

While M.A.N.T.I.S. is based on the two-hour movie created by feature filmmakers Sam Hamm (Batman) and Sam Raimi (Dark Man), there have been many changes in the



Carl Lumbly stars in the hit TV series M.A.N.T.I.S.

production of the series. Most notably is the number of African-American actors who were replaced by Caucasian actors.

News reports have leveled charges of racism against FOX and accused the network of attempting to "tighten" the show. One national press report

expressed surprise that at a time when there are more black superheroes in comic books than ever before that downplaying race on this TV show would be a commercial mistake. Another newspaper said that the debate was about far more than the simple plus or minus of black faces.

Recently, show creators Hamm and Raimi were quoted as saying "We want to get the series closer to the pilot and we want to see more African-American actors on the show."

FOX-TV has denied charges of racism and said the changes from pilot to series were made strictly for creative reasons—to increase the story possibilities and to make the show flashier. "There was never any direction (from FOX) to cast new characters as black or white," said executive producer Bryce Zabel. "The pilot was a fine piece of entertainment, but we need to make changes in order to create a franchise."

Opportunities knocking for model/actress Kira Arne'



NEW YORK—When you are as talented as KIRA ARNE', you wear many hats: actress, director, rapper and model. Currently signed to one of the "top three agencies" (IMG MODELS), Kira may have a tough time managing her busy schedule. However, Kira's play entitled, 2 Divas and the Dog, seems to be getting plenty of attention. Not only was the play selected to be part of the New York Theater Workshop's "Just Add Water Festival," it has been named the 1994 recipient of the "New Professional Theatre Award." Kira is also the artistic director of the Talking Drum Theater Co., and a member of the Playwrights Horizons Writers Unit. Her credits read as though they were a casting director's wish list including: the *Cosby Show*, *Abbey My Love*, *The Document* and ABC's soap opera, *Loving*, and a host of other plays and film projects. How does Kira feel about her multi-faceted life? Well, it's best expressed through her philosophy—"You have to make your own opportunities. You can't wait for people to give them to you."

Capitol Record releases Nat King Cole: The Greatest Hits

Few, if any, can compare with the dynamic vocal styling of Nat King Cole and on October 18 Capitol Records released a collection with 22 of Nat King Cole's greatest hits titled Nat King Cole: The Greatest Hits. With all 22 tracks digitally remastered, this collection will be available on both CD and cassette formats, containing a selection of timeless classics which have made Nat King Cole one of the most cherished vocalists of

the twentieth century.

The collection begins and ends with two different versions of Unforgettable. The first track is the original version Nat King Cole recorded in 1951, the last track is the 1993 smash hit version of Unforgettable, digitally mixed duet between the late Nat King Cole and his daughter Natalie Cole. Also included in this greatest hits package are his well known standards such as Mame Lisa, Straighten Up And

Fly Right, Nature Boy, Ramblin' Rose and (Get Your Kicks On) Route 66. Never before have all of Nat King Cole's greatest hits been available on one compilation. This is the only single collection of his greatest hits available and is packaged with an elaborate metallic gold cover making this collection truly an Unforgettable treat for Nat King Cole fans.



Nat King Cole greatest hits album to be released on Capitol Records.

Tennessee Williams opens at WPC



WAYNE—William Paterson College's 1994-95 theatre season opens in October with the presentation of four short plays by Tennessee Williams, one of America's greatest dramatists. Among the works will be "27 Wagons Full of Cotton," a story about the wife of a poor Southern cotton farmer who is abused by her husband and later raped by the owner of a cotton gin. Featured in the cast are (left to right) Christopher Budinich of Rutherford as Silva Vicario, the cotton gin owner, and Alicia Simmons of Newark as Flora Meighan, the farmer's wife. Performances will be staged in WPC's Hunziker Theater on October 26 to 29.

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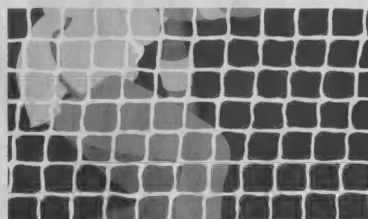
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OCTOBER 19-20

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

NORTH BRIDGEWATER—The Small Business Council presents "Breakfast with Goliath" Small Business Meet and Conference at the Bridgewater Manor on Rte. 202-208 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. For more info, call 908-725-1552.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

JERSEY CITY—There will be a "Mid-Career Job Hunting" non-credit course at Hudson County Community College from 9 a.m. to noon. For more info, call 201-714-2194.

OCTOBER 23-26

NEW YORK—The 1994 NMSSD, National Minority Supplier Development Conference, Inc., Conference will be held at 15 W. 39th St., 9th Floor. For more info, call 201-242-2430.

OCTOBER 24-28

NEW YORK—The World Trade Institute will host a five day Foreign Exchange Trading Game Training Program which will be held on 55th floor of the World Trade Center. For more information or to register call 212-435-4044.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

NEWARK—The New Jersey SBA/Port Authority Financing Seminar will be held at the Port Newark-Elizabeth Administration Building, 3rd fl., Port Authority Marine Terminal, 200 Kellogg St. from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. RSVP by 10/21 at 212-435-7803. For more info, call 212-435-7803.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

WELFELD—Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County will be hosting a Wealth Preservation Strategies in the Nineties 2-hour seminar from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more info, call 908-654-9854.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

WAYNE—William Paterson College will offer a "Business Sources on the Internet" workshop from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Hobart Computer Lab. For more info call 201-595-2966.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

CHESTER HILL—The Legends Annual African-American New Jersey State-Wide Entrepreneur Conference will be held at the Sheraton Postle Inn from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info, call 908-220-0550.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

SOMERSET—There will be a Business Card Exchange at the Somerset Marriott Hotel from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There is a fee. For more info, call 908-725-1552.

NEWARK—There will be a "Business Solutions Through Technology" conference from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn North on Frontage Rd. For more information call 201-624-6482, ext. 222.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

WAYNE—There will be a "Internet for Educators: A Guide Tour" at William Paterson College from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 201-595-2436.

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Negotiations break down between NJCA and Hudson City Savings Bank

HACKENSACK—Recently negotiations broke down between New Jersey Citizen Action and Hudson City Savings Bank over the drafting of a Community Reinvestment Agreement, because the bank refused to include any allocation of funds for minority business lending or construction and permanent financing for non-profit housing developers.

"When a \$4 billion bank states that they have no one on their staff to make these types of loans and they refuse to participate in any loan pools and consortiums, we believe that the bank is not serious about meeting the needs of the community they have pledged to serve," stated Phyllis Salove-Kaye, executive director of New Jersey Citizen Action.

"Discrimination in business lending is much more subtle than mortgage lending. However, it does exist. Hudson City Savings Bank's refusal to participate in a minority lending program is outrageous," concluded Smith.

The bank indicated that their re-

WASHINGTON, DC—Under the auspices of The Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund (MBELDEF), and the National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC), minority groups from around the country are gathering to voice outrage over the Supreme Court's decision to re-open settled civil rights matters through its review of the Adarand vs. Peña decision related to Federally mandated women and minority business programs.

According to the Honorable Patricia J. Mitchell, author of the Small Business Act and Chairman of MBELDEF, "the last time the court reviewed the constitutionality of minority business opportunity programs in *Croson vs. the City of Richmond*, minority business programs in state and local governments were summarily dismantled and hundreds of millions of dollars in opportunity were deliberately and systematically denied to our business-

nesses. Before the *Croson vs. the City of Richmond* case, there were over 230 minority business development programs at the state and local levels. Six months after the decision, half of these programs were either dismantled, suspended, or challenged. By the year's end, they were gone and with them vanished hundreds of small and minority businesses.

"Five years since that decision we have with enormous effort begun to recover. Nonetheless, the Supreme

Court in a series of rulings dating back to 1978, has steadily eroded the Nation's commitment to equal opportunity and appears ready in the Adarand case to strike yet another blow against the mandate to remedy present inequalities arising from the continuing effects of past and ongoing racial discrimination in this country," said Mitchell.

Mitchell further stated that the Court's decision to review Adarand was alarming because it is a construction industry case, there are very modest affirmative efforts involved, and in particular, because discrimination in this industry has been recognized so often that Federal courts have deemed it a proper subject for judicial notice.

Mitchell voiced his dissatisfaction for the handling of the case by the Superior Court and stated that they knew what to expect in a decision.

"This court's pattern of ignoring such history in civil rights cases and its willingness to gloss over troubling anomalies in its rulings all suggest a bad result in Adarand. We have seen the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, that was adopted

to ensure equality for minorities in this country, twisted beyond recognition by this very court. We therefore expect no better from this court when the decision is handed down."

"Congress in good faith has sought (through these programs) to end the perpetration of the effects of prior discrimination impairing the access of minority businesses to economic opportunities in this country. Now the court wishes to reconstruct those barriers and to place the well being of this entire Country in the hands of a privileged few."

"We cannot stand idly by while proponents of big business continue their aggressive campaign to sway not only our legislators but the Courts through this blatant challenge to the law's structures to provide minorities in this country an economic base," added Mitchell.

Mitchell stated that the two organizations have scheduled a meeting of the minority business community in Washington DC on October 29, to implement their plan.

"We must make not only the Supreme Court, but this country and its leadership hear our cry of outrage."

African Americans join Pepsi in South African venture

by Paul Joseph

More than a dozen well-known African-American business executives, entrepreneurs and community leaders have taken the "Pepsi challenge" in infusing \$15 million in start-up capital in a joint South African venture with the soft drink giant. The investors are led by the Savant Group, a prestigious black-owned equity investment firm in California, and includes big league players such as NBA All Star center Shaquille O'Neal and movie actor Danny Glover and Motown Records.

In announcing the new deal at a conference, recently, James A. Lawrence, group president of Pepsi-Cola Asia, Middle East and Africa, said the announcement coincides with South African President Nelson Mandela's belief in the importance of foreign investment to his country.

"President Mandela has clearly and repeatedly said foreign investment will play a crucial role in stimulating broad economic opportunity in South Africa," Lawrence said. "Today, we're saying unequivocally that Pepsi-Cola believes in the future of South Africa and that we and our partners intend to create the most respected black-owned and black-managed enterprise in the country."

On behalf of the African-American investors, Christopher T. Morris, president of the Savant Group, said the venture was "an outstanding business opportunity. The active role black South Africans will play in management and ownership of the enterprise makes this transaction a blueprint for cooperative investment, one that our investor group enthusiastically endorses."

The investors are part of a US based partnership called Egoli Beverages L.P. Egoli will initially own 75 percent of the venture entitled New Age Beverages. Pepsi will own the remaining 25 percent. Plans call for the South Africans to hold a majority stake in the business within five years. The venture's plans were detailed by Khehla Mithembu, chairman and CEO of New Age Beverages.

"President Mandela said that to create a country of wealth and opportunity for a new generation of black South Africans, some of us needed to join the business sector. That is the path I have chosen and that is the spirit in which New Age beverages will be launched."

Based in Johannesburg, New Age Beverages will produce and distribute

ute a range of products including Pepsi-Cola, Diet Pepsi, 7UP, and Miranda and Shani fruit flavors in the former province of Transvaal, a territory which includes the large metropolitan markets of Johannesburg and Pretoria and contains one half of the 27 million cases (8-ounce equivalent) of soft

drinks sold annually in South Africa.

Pepsi first entered South Africa in 1948 and was a major competitor in the soft drink market by the 1960's and 1970's. In 1985, the company divested its interest in the country in response to sanctions for South Africa's apartheid policy. Earlier this year, the country dismantled its legal segregation practices.

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Cremp offers new approach to reduce kid's violence

by Connie Woodruff

Several weeks ago the Community Resource Education Motivation Program (CREMP) was introduced at a meeting of more than 100 "Young Men" under the supervision of five Essex County agencies that provide shelter for incarcerated juveniles.

In response to the anguished cries from families, communities and law enforcement agencies, demanding a halt in the rising tide of vandalism and violence among the youth "by any means possible," CREMP's approach to juvenile delinquency is motivation and inspiration.

The Rev. Buster Soares, one of New Jersey's most effective motivational speakers set the pace for boys from Liberty Day Center, The Ogden

House, Essex House, Essex Day Center and the Rutgers University Project when Essex County College hosted the first session of the initial series.

CREMP has designed motivational workshops followed by "rap sessions" between the audience of boys aged 12 thru 18 and the guest presenter.

"Rapping is stressed as a means of developing communication skills and as a therapeutic outlet for troubled youngsters who need to recognize the inherent danger of anti-social behavior before they become hardened criminals," said program designer, Al Bundy.

A uni-orthopedic surgeon visited The Ogden House and on October 12, Rev. Reginald Jackson, pastor of St. Matthew AME Church in Orange spoke to counselors and youths at the Essex

House.

Before the end of the year CREMP will sponsor a televised Town Meeting via New Jersey Network Cablevision featuring actor, Edward James Olmos.

Like the character adults in his films, Olmos is no "shrinking violet" when it comes to scaring kids straight. He "pulls no punches" in his presentation on the evils of car jacking, robberies, drugs, gangs, peer pressure and rape.

Bundy, a producer of several popular Cablevision shows, will direct the project that will include appearances by Governor Whitman and actors Charles Dutton of the TV series *ROC* and East Orange native, John Amos who introduced network television audiences to the long running series, *Good Times*.

The program will be funded by a grant from the NJ Department of Human Services.

NFBP sponsors march on City Hall

NEWARK—In a declaration of war against drugs and crime in Newark, the Newark Fighting Back Partnership (NFBP) along with Cops, Cons and Kids, Nation of Islam Mosque #25, Israel Memorial AME Church, Good News Tabernacle, XSA and a number of other organizations will hold a march to Newark City Hall to attend the City Council Meeting on Wednesday, October 19.

The march will commence at 5 p.m. at the NFBP's Neighborhood Commons on West Kinney Street in the Central ward and move through various neighborhoods on a route outlined in cooperation with the Newark Police Department.

The intent of the march is to inform the mayor and council of the lessons learned about the drug use and dealing in the city's Central and North Wards and to demonstrate that the community is united in its commitment toward eradicating this problem.

According to NFBP Executive director Thom McCloud, "The group will come together on October 19 to let the mayor and council know that we are ready to join forces with them and to present specific recommendations to rid our city of this scourge. We are asking our elected officials to continue to support us and assist us in our daily battle against drug and

alcohol abuse which is so terribly destructive to our neighborhoods." "We need to deal with the areas of concern, particularly in the Central and parts of the North Ward. Teaching wholesome values to our children and re-establishing the importance of the nuclear family as well as the extended family will help correct some of the problems we are now facing," stated Reverend Edward B. Smart of the Israel Memorial AME Church.

March leaders have outlined specific areas of concern which they intend to address before the mayor and council:

- An acknowledgment by city leadership of substance abuse reduction as a high priority on the community agenda and include the appropriate visibility and concentration of resources to abate the problem.

- Establishment of "Safe Houses" for emergency and temporary housing for abusers making the transition to treatment.
- Making sure appropriate facilities are available for treatment on demand with the entire community's support.
- Concerned effort to develop effective and realistic employment opportunities, particularly targeting special needs groups, especially ex-substance abusers and ex-offenders.
- Development of comprehensive plan for effective and developmental after-school programs.

Participants in the March wishing to address the council meeting once the group arrives at City Hall are asked to register in advance by submitting their name at the NFBP office by calling 201-242-8200.

Assemblyman Willie Brown Endorses Haytaian

TRENTON—Calling Chuck Haytaian an individual who has always been very close to the people of urban New Jersey, Democratic Assemblyman Willie Brown recently endorsed Haytaian in this year's Senate Contest.

"I have served with Chuck Haytaian for 12 years, and I have found him to be someone who cared, and cared genuinely, about those issues and concerns which are of particular interest to the people of my district," said Brown, New Jersey's highest ranking African-American elected official.

The Essex County Democrat added, "Chuck Haytaian has been willing to listen and learn about the problems faced by our state's urban areas. He has shown concern and compassion for the people of Essex County and the many other for whom I have fought as a member of the State Assembly."

Brown also commended Haytaian

for helping to develop legislation that will pump millions in new capital into New Jersey cities for minority business growth. Brown was referring to the Haytaian-Brown sponsored Business and Industrial Development Corporation proposal. The BIDCO's will create new vehicles for minority investment and provide much-needed capital for minority-owned businesses and businesses in distressed areas.

The Republican candidate thanked Brown and pointed to the endorsement as evidence of his ability to work with members of both political parties to address tough problems.

"I have known Willie Brown for many years, and I am deeply gratified by his support and confidence. We have always worked closely together for the benefit of all New Jerseyans, and I look forward to continuing that relationship."

Haytaian concluded, "I am proud

of the partnerships I have built with Democrats as well as Republicans, and Congress needs new members who will stop the bickering and start solving problems by putting taxpayers first."

MEM to hold basketball awards banquet

NEWARK—St. Benedict's Preparatory school, the Metropolitan Eccumenical Ministry, in association with the Essex County Prosecutor's Office will host the 1994 Faith Community Basketball League Awards Banquet on October 21.

The Banquet will serve as an acknowledgment to the 135 youngsters who participated in the league and

area congregations, league coaches and volunteers.

The prosecutor's office was responsible for implementing the summer basketball league and uniforms for the teams at selected MEM congregations over the past two summers.

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of a race. According to transcripts and tapes obtained from the program, on several occasions Grant has referred to African Americans as "savages," "primates," and "shoe shine boys" and has called the late Civil Rights Leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. a "bum," "commie" and "scum bag."

During a taping, he called the First Lady Hillary Clinton a "super bitch" and said it "would be incredible" if President Bill Clinton was HIV positive. "Wouldn't it be delicious though," Grant said.

Tapes also revealed Grant's advocacy of vigilante justice. In one instance, the host said that his 1970 Mandatory Sterilization Act should be retroactive by going "down the street with a flame thrower, a Sherman tank and a few Uzis and hand grenades."

When a caller expressed disbelief in the justice system, Grant told him on the air to "get a gun and go do something." According to Jackson, Haytaian and several other prominent Republican officials including Gov. Christine Todd Whitman, Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler and Essex County Executive candidate Jim Treflinger made public appearances with Grant and were guests on his show. During an airing of his show, the Governor extended to Grant an invitation to her inauguration and the Governor's mansion. He was welcomed by Haytaian and the New Jersey State Assembly for his role in a leukemia fund-raiser. Haytaian has often invited Grant to various campaign rallies and is a frequent guest on the show.

During an interview on the Grant show, the governor condemned Muhammad's heated speech at Kean College.

"That speech is not part of anything that is acceptable in our state," Whitman said. "We don't condone that kind of talk or attitude."

"I am mad as hell," Jackson said in an interview. "We are determined to see if there is any consistency. The governor and the others need to refute Mr. Grant just like they did Mr.

Muhammad," he added.

Jackson said he will not let the issue drop and "I intend to be a bat out of hell." He plans to disseminate information concerning the officials' connection to Grant in his congregation and other churches throughout the state.

After several attempts to the Governor's office, a spokesperson said the governor was not responsible for the views or beliefs of an invited host. She added the governor would be "outraged" if such racist comments were made in her presence and she was not a regular on the Bob Grant Show. However, Whitman made two one hour in-studio appearances and participated in 11 phone interviews and one live remote from Woodbridge in the past year.

In an interview, Treflinger who had called the Grant show telling the host that he was not all of your positions that you're taking are right on target," said he was unaware of Grant's views on social issues but said he agreed with him on conservative fiscal matters.

"I strongly disagree with statements made about Martin Luther King Jr.," Treflinger said after listening to part of a show. "He was one of the greatest men that ever lived."

"Because I appeared on a program with someone who may agree with me on some things, doesn't mean I agree with them or their actions," he added.

Treflinger also said he would publicly denounce Bob Grant. "To use epithets against people because of their ethnic or racial or religious origin goes beyond the American dream completely."

Beaw Phillips, a spokesman for Haytaian said the candidate attends all shows he is invited to.

"We don't turn down any form that we can schedule, Bob Grant or any other or anyone else," Haytaian representative Karen DeMasters said in the Courier-News.

Several attempts to reach Mayor Schundler failed. Neither he nor his aids returned phone calls. However, during a taping of the "Bob Grant Show" earlier this month, the mayor had asked the host to be by his side in Liberty State Park at a rally for his school voucher proposal scheduled last Sunday.

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Ministers meet on leadership

ORANGE—The United Church of the Oranges recently announced it will hold a two-day conference to discuss and take action on issues that affect the African-American community. This conference is an outgrowth of community meetings held this summer to address voter disenfranchisement and black leadership.

The conference entitled, "From the Grassroots: Developing Leadership and Fellowship for the African American Community" will be held on October 28 and 29 at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 160 Montgomery Street.

"This conference will be about more than talking, it will be about

teaching, organizing, mobilizing organizations and individuals at the grassroots level to be able to select, influence and hold accountable its leadership. Our communities will only be enhanced and government and private sector more responsive to the people, when the people at the grassroots level are able to effect and influence change," said Rev. Reginald Jackson, political action chairman of the United Church of the Oranges.

The conference will not be partisan and will not endorse candidates. Its emphasis is empowering the grass roots. The event will feature four

workshops focusing on religion and society, economic development, education and politics.

"The conference is not designed or intended to be in competition with the Black Issues Convention," stated Rev. Raiford Wheeler, pastor of Park Avenue Christian Church.

"This conference seeks to help develop both leaders and followers and have both supportive of each other. Much of our leadership is out of touch with the grassroots and the grassroots seemingly has little or no influence with its leadership, which is evidenced by many decisions made of our leaderships," stated Wheeler.

Black males named to 94 Coca-Cola All Academic Team

by Kathy E Jordan

Sports View Magazine has named 23 black college football players to the "Coca-Cola All-Academic Team," an award program designed to showcase and promote academic excellence and to highlight the positive relationship between athletics and academics.

The team is comprised of 23 members: 11 offense, 11 defense, and a kicker. The players must have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA through the 1994 Spring semester and be eligible after completion of their sophomore year.

"Successfully balancing academics with athletic competition is an outstanding accomplishment," says Ron Coleman, Media Relations Manager, of The Coca-Cola Company. "These scholar athletes have found the winning formula for success, and we con-

gratulate them on their achievements."

Brett Moore, Publisher of Sports View applauds Coca-Cola's support of historically black colleges and universities.

"Coca-Cola has clearly distinguished itself as the leading corporate supporter of the mission of Amer-

ica's historically black colleges and universities (HBCU). Their demonstrated commitment to HBCUs—from financial support to academic programs and scholarships to sport scholarships—has positioned the company as one of the most prominent, most effective, and most highly valued HBCU corporate partners."

Irvington Housing Authority receives \$1,440,000 grant

IRVINGTON—The Irvington Housing Authority has just announced the award of a \$1,440,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to reduce vacancies at the Authority.

The grant was secured by the agency after a nine month process of preparing the application, researching old Irvington Housing Authority records to compile a history of the vacancies and how the Irvington Housing Authority came to have a 23 percent vacancy rate, a management analysis to determine where the grant funds could be used to bolster the Irvington Housing Authority's performance and a review of the Authority's Housing stock to see where repairs, construction and modernization was needed.

According to the Authority's Executive Director, Patricia Weston Rivera, "the grant has been truly blessed. All of our grant applications have been well received by HUD. We have been funded for the Public

Housing Drug Elimination Grant of \$375,000; the Comprehensive Grant for modernization of \$7,000,000, and the award of Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Grant of \$1,640,000. This new grant propels us into the star agency in New Jersey for receipt of HUD grants. We have received over \$10,000,000 in grants."

These Vacancy Reduction monies are to be used to modernize the

agency's family units, many of which have not been modernized in 35 years. The repair of broken windows, screens and installation of new shades and new appliances, renovation of bathrooms and kitchens, modernization of the family unit entrances by installation of new lobby entrance doors, install canopies and replace flooring, all is planned under this grant.

NNPA supports NAACP

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dited by an accredited newspaper auditing firm. Formed as a trade association with only 21 members in 1940, the NNPA's primary mission is to "promote the interests of the black press by securing unity and action in all matters relative to the profession of journalism and the business of publishing."

The NNPA's programs include those which provide for the advance-

ment and improvement of the content of member newspapers via workshops, conventions and the generation of new advertising revenue for its members.

The organization also operates a wire service dedicated to African-American interests and issues, and provides scholarship and internship opportunities for black youth.

Negotiations

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and small lending institutions. All of the agreements signed in the last year include commitments for minority business lending. Loans for non-profit housing developments have been pledged in agreements since 1986.

Judson City Savings Bank agreed to negotiate with New Jersey Citizen Action when the bank announced plans to convert from a mutual to stock fund ownership, a deal it had forecast would raise \$690 million in new capital. The conversion has since been called off by the bank.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
FOR ANNUAL CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLY OF MATERIALS

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA) will receive sealed bids for the following materials:

- ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1994 AT 10:00 A.M.
B-0538-1 SNOW REMOVAL SUPPLIES
ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1994 AT 11:00 A.M.
B-0539-1 EXTERMINATING SUPPLIES
ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1994 AT 2:00 P.M.
B-0540-1 JANITORIAL SUPPLIES

All bid packages shall clearly indicate the specific applicable bid number and will be addressed and received on the above dates by the Contracts Division, Housing Authority of the City of Newark, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read.

Pre-bid conferences will be held at the Newark Housing Authority, first floor conference room (3106) and second floor conference room.

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1994
AT 10:00 A.M. FOR SNOW REMOVAL SUPPLIES B-0538-1
AT 11:00 A.M. FOR EXTERMINATING SUPPLIES B-0539-1
AT 2:00 P.M. FOR JANITORIAL SUPPLIES B-0540-1

Bid Specifications for the above are available for pick up at the Contracts Division of the NHA at the said address. Telephone: (201) 430-2356.

Bid Bonds and Performance Bonds are not required for these bids. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 127.

The NHA reserves the right to reject any and all bids in the event that less than two (2) bids are received at the designated time of bid opening. The NHA reserves the right to reject any partial bids, and to award all or a portion of the award to one or more responsible bidders.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the NHA.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK

HAROLD LUCAS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORNEW JERSEY HIGHWAY AUTHORITY
GARDEN STATE PARKWAY
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Planking 1" x 6" x 26" with 1" spacing

Bids for the above will be received in the Division of Central Purchasing, Garden State Parkway, Woodbridge, New Jersey, on October 31, 1994 at Three o'clock (3:00 p.m.)
Preliminary Local Time statements will be opened immediately thereafter. Bidders are required to comply with requirements

Bid Forms, Specifications, and Terms & Conditions are on file in the Division of Central Purchasing, New Jersey Highway Authority, Garden State Parkway, Woodbridge, New Jersey, and may be obtained between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily.

ANGELA CORIO
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL PURCHASING
NEW JERSEY HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

INVITATION TO BID

The Housing Authority of the City of Paterson will receive sealed bids on Monday, October 31, 1994 at 10:00 A.M., 100 Ward Street, Paterson, New Jersey for the following items as outlined in the Technical Specifications:

FURNISHING & DELIVERY OF OFFICE SUPPLIES
Bidders are to submit Bids in a sealed envelope marked with the job title as it appears in this advertisement written on both an inner envelope containing the Bid and on an outer envelope.

All Bidders are hereby notified that they must comply with all applicable Federal, State and Municipal Laws, Rules and Regulations including, but not limited to, those pertaining to Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity, Ownership, Disclosure and Security. Bidders must also comply with NJ Statutes 40A:11-16 with regard to listing subcontractors.

Specifications covering the above requirements may be obtained at the office of the Authority during office hours between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

The Housing Authority of the City of Paterson reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities in the Bidding.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to opening of bids without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Paterson.

A bid must be accompanied by a Bid Guaranty which shall not be less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total bid. At the option of the bidder, the guaranty may be a certified check, bank draft, U.S. Government Bond (at current date market value) or a bid bond secured by Guaranty or Assure Company. Performance and Completion Bonds will be required of the successful bidder.

Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) will be offered full opportunity to bid and will not be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin in consideration of an award.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PATERSON

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LEGAL NOTICE

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ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE - JANUARY 1, 1995 TO DECEMBER 31, 1995
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Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder and the words "Elevator Maintenance," addressed to the Morris County Housing Authority and presented in person.

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ROBERTA STRATER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MORRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF MORRIS (HACM)

The HACM is soliciting proposals for professional services in the following areas:

1. Fee Accountant
2. Legal Counsel
3. Audit Services for fiscal year ending 12/31/94

Public Housing Management - 227
Housing Development - 113
Section 8 Certificates & Vouchers - 628
FmHA 515/Section 8 - 101
FmHA Development - 19

Proposals must include submissions of cost proposals detailing a fee structure for all services to be performed and a statement of experience with HUD and FmHA.

All proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 1994 to the Housing Authority of the County of Morris, 99 Ketch Road, Morristown, NJ 07960.

PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ABOVE STATED DATE AND TIME.

All interested firms should contact the Authority at the above address or call (201) 540-0389.

ROBERTA L. STRATER,
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TRANSIT PUBLIC NOTICE

NJ TRANSIT PUBLIC NOTICE
NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION
REQUEST FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
UNDER
THE INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1991

The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT), under provisions of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), gives notice of its intent to apply for \$226.1 million in Section 3 formula funds, which are estimated to be available for the purpose of providing operating and capital assistance, as well as \$98.4 million in Section 3 Fixed Guideway Modernization formula funds, \$201.7 million in Section 3 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds during Fiscal Year 1995. NJ TRANSIT also gives notice of its intent to apply for \$1.7 million in FY1995 Federal assistance estimated to be available under Section 1602(d) and an estimated \$3.2 million under Section 18 for transportation services for senior citizens and persons with disabilities and for transportation in rural areas.

Federal operating funds and Section 1602(d) and Section 18 funds will be matched as required with funds provided by the State of New Jersey and counties participating in the Section 18 program and in conformance with Federal and State guidelines. NJ TRANSIT intends to provide the non-Federal share of capital projects through credit for toll revenues, petroleum volume discount account funds, and State funds estimated to Urban Core projects as allowed by Sections 1044, 3038, and 3031 of the ISTEA. The program is described below.

Section 9 Formula Operating and Capital Program (In Millions of Dollars)	
Project	Federal
Operating Assistance	38.0
Rail Station Rehabilitation/ADA Improvements	28.0
Morrisville Yard Improvements	17.3
Purchase of Locomotives	2.7
Purchase of Rail Cars	11.8
Hamilton Terminal Complex Land Acquisition	5.1
Rail Associated Capital Maintenance (Spare Parts)	2.7
Hoboken Terminal & Yard Rehabilitation	7.0
Newark Penn Station Rehabilitation	4.0
New Station New York Improvement	17.5
Rehabilitation of Greenville Bus Maintenance Facility	25.1
Newark City Subway Maintenance Facility Land	17.5
Acquisition and Design	18.0
Purchase of Buses	8.2
Property Capital Leases	6.2
Environmental Compliance Program	1.5
Private Carrier Capital Improvement Program	1.5
Management Information System Upgrade	2.4
Total	226.2

Proposed Section 3 Fixed Guideway Formula Program (In Millions of Dollars)	
Project	Federal
Rehabilitation of Rail Infrastructure	37.9
Summit Yard Improvements	3.1
Morrisville Yard Improvements	3.5
Purchase of Locomotives	2.8
Purchase of Rail Cars	25.2
Purchase Maintenance-of-Way Equipment	2.0
Main/Bergen/Pascack Valley Rail Line Upgrade Design	3.0
Total	88.4

Proposed Section 3 Discretionary Program (In Millions of Dollars)	
Project	Federal
Waterfront Corridor Transit System Design	77.5
Secaucus Transfer Construction	101.0
Monmouth Ocean Corridor	3.0
Draft Environmental Impact Statement	6.7
NYSSW Rail Line/Paterson Station Rehabilitation Design	13.0
Purchase of Buses	0.5
South Amboy Transportation Study	0.5
Total	291.7

Proposed Section 1007 Surface Transportation Program (In Millions of Dollars)	
Project	Federal
Hoboken Terminal Rehabilitation	5.0
Total	33.8

A. Property Acquisition/Environmental, Economic and Social Aspects.

Any property acquisition or relocation that may be required will be conducted in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the law and regulatory requirements. As appropriate, the social, economic, environmental, and relocation aspects of the projects will be investigated. If required under applicable law and regulations, interim findings may be presented at a future public hearing and further public comment will be solicited. Prior to the implementation of any of the projects and to the extent required, NJ TRANSIT may prepare an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to Federal regulations. The availability of this document shall be made known by publication in the same manner as this notice. NJ TRANSIT will adhere to all Federal statutes and regulations affecting properties on the National Register of Historic Places.

B. Comprehensive Planning

NJ TRANSIT projects are developed in coordination with the following planning organizations: The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), which is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Northeast New Jersey urbanized area; the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (OVPRC), which is the designated MPO for the Camden, Mercer, Burlington, and Gloucester counties; the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO), which is the designated MPO for Cumberland, Salem, Atlantic, and Cape May counties. The MPOs are the forums for local decision-making concerning the proposed projects. The projects are developed in consultation with local elected officials, interested citizens, and providers of private bus services.

C. Private Enterprise Participation

Through the comprehensive planning process administered by the MPOs and ongoing consultation with NJ TRANSIT's Office of Carrier Administration, NJ TRANSIT continues to discuss with private carriers their participation in the capital program. In addition, NJ TRANSIT encourages to the maximum extent possible, the participation of the private sector in the development and implementation of public transportation in the State of New Jersey.

D. Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities

Services to be provided will be consistent with NJ TRANSIT's program of reduced interstate and intrastate rail and bus fares for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Every reasonable effort will be made to plan and design program elements in facilities generally available in the same manner as the public notice of the special needs of senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

E. Public Input

NJ TRANSIT invites public comments on the above projects and its performance. Written comments and/or requests for a public hearing may be sent to Albert R. Hasbrouck, Senior Director of Corporate Affairs, NJ TRANSIT, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07105-2246 by November 11, 1994. Based on comments received in response to this notice and information made available, NJ TRANSIT may modify the above programs before final submission to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and will make a determination, pursuant to FTA regulations, as to whether a public hearing is in order. The above list of proposed projects will become the final list of projects unless otherwise communicated in the same manner as the public notice.

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Our position, word by word.

Accommodation



Accommodation is the reasonable way for smokers and nonsmokers to work out their differences.

That is our position at Philip Morris. And it turns out that most Americans share this view.

In a recent USA TODAY/CNN poll among both smokers and nonsmokers, nearly 7 out of 10 respondents said they think that rather than banning smoking in public places, smokers should be allowed to smoke in separate, designated areas.

Philip Morris has a program that helps owners of businesses, such as restaurants, bars and hotels, to accommodate the choices of both their smoking and nonsmoking customers by setting up designated smoking and nonsmoking areas.

The program works because it respects the rights and wishes of both groups. So both get what they want.

That's accommodation.

You could also call it a win-win situation.

For a free copy of our booklet, *Smoking Issues*, which contains more information about The Accommodation Program as well as information on other issues relating to smoking, please call us at 1-800-852-3445, Ext. 221.



**We want you to know
where we stand.**

Facts Matter

Businesses where smoking has been banned have reported, in some cases, up to a 30% loss in sales. Some restaurants have been forced to fire employees and others have even had to close down.